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- 1. REACTIONS TO AMBASSADOR ENDERS' SPEECH TO MONTREAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HAVE BEEN FAVORABLE BUT RELATIVELY SHORT-LIVED.
- 2. ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PRINT MEDIA (GAZETTE AND MONTREAL STAR) PLAYED AS STRAIGHT NEWS STORY, BOTH HEADLINING AMBASSADOR'S "URGING" AMERICAN BUSINESS TO STAY PUT. COMMENT ON SELF-FULFILLING PROPHESIES QUOTED BUT NOT COMMENTED UPON. STORIES ALSO NOTED POST-SPEECH RESPONSE TO QUESTION THAT US PREFERS UNIFIED CANADA, BUT WITHOUT SURPRISE OR SUGGESTION OF "INTERFERENCE" IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF CANADA.
- 3. FRENCH-LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS (LE DEVOIR, LA PRESSE) QUOTED LENGTHILY FROM SPEECH WITHOUT COMMENT. ONLY EDITORIAL FOCUSSED ON "UNSURPRISING" FACT THAT US PREFERS A UNITED CANADA.
- 4. A MAJOR POINT IN ALL MEDIA AND AMONG PERSONEL CONTACTS HAS BEEN AMBASSADOR'S "IMPECCABLE" FRENCH, WHICH APPEARS TO HAVE IMPRESSED UNCLASSIFIED

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EVERYONE ALMOST MORE THAN SUBSTANCE OF SPEECH, ALTHOUGH MANY IN COMMUNITY HAVE ALSO TOLD CG THEY ENCOURAGED BY PROGNOSIS FOR US ECONOMY AND THOUGHT COMMENTS ON LOCAL SITUATION APPROPRIATE AND USEFUL. HARPER

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